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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7605

BILL NUMBER: SB 568

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 15, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Office of educational equity.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Breaux

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Office of Educational Equity within the Department of Education.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Office is established to coordinate and monitor issues of disproportionality within and among the following programs, including:

1. Student achievement.
2. Discipline.
3. Special Education.
4. Alternative Education.
5. Dropout prevention and graduation.
6. High ability.

The cost of the new office would be about \$500,000 annually.

Background: The state had an office until 1996 when the federal government decided to provide the services on a regional basis. The office at that time consisted of a director, a fiscal assistant, an administrative assistant, and three consultants.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Department of Education.

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